

hours, Key Club volunteer—200 hours, 40 hours dedicated to organizing and running a children's sports camp raising money for Hurricane Katrina victims and 10 hours volunteered with Habitat for Humanity.

Melissa Morgan is a great example of everything right with America and is a reflection of the spirit of a true Michigander, selfless and fighting for a cause greater than themselves. I am pleased to congratulate Melissa Morgan on her achievement of the "Presidential Service Award," and I commend her for her work.

CALLING FOR RELEASE OF  
ISRAELI SOLDIERS HELD CAP-  
TIVE BY HAMAS AND  
HEZBOLLAH

SPEECH OF

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 13, 2007*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 107, a resolution calling for the immediate release of Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit by Hamas, as well as urging Hezbollah to accept the mandate of the U.N. Security Council Resolution by immediately releasing Israeli soldiers Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev.

Israel has taken dramatic steps in recent years to bring about peace in the Middle East, including removing all forces from Lebanon and in 2005 unilaterally withdrawing from Gaza. In return, Israel continues to be threatened by Hezbollah, which is backed and encouraged by Iran and Syria, and Hamas, which controls the Palestinian Authority. Neither group recognizes Israel's right to exist and refuses to seek democracy and peace.

Mr. Speaker, by passing H. Res. 107, we have made a clear statement that these soldiers should be released, and that the United States will stand with Israel while continuing to work with the international community to bring peace to the region. I urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 107.

RECOGNIZING THE YOUNG MEN'S  
LEAGUE OF GUAM FOR SERVICE  
TO THE COMMUNITY

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 14, 2007*

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend the members of the Young Men's League of Guam, the YMLG, for their service to our community for over 90 years. YMLG is perhaps the oldest, active non-profit organizations in my home district, continuing to provide dedicated and honorable volunteer service to this day. The YMLG contributes immensely to help the homeless, the medically indigent, and less fortunate in Guam, as well as the elderly at St. Dominic's Geriatric Care Facility. They also support and assist other charity organizations.

Since its founding in 1917, the Young Men's League of Guam has remained true to its mission to uphold and defend the principles of good government by instilling among its mem-

bers a sense of individual obligation to our community, as well as fostering and promoting friendship, camaraderie, closer understanding and respect among themselves as unique equals. Also known proudly as "I Inethon Laláhen Guáhan," the Young Men's League of Guam continues to be a strong proponent for the preservation and advancement of the indigenous culture, language, heritage and traditions of the Chamorros of Guam and the Marianas. YMLG annually sponsors the "Silabrasion Chamorro" Student Oratorical, Essay, and Writing Competitions.

As its name proclaims, the Young Men's League of Guam has always sought to harness the talents and instill a sense of community obligation among up-and-coming young men as they take their places in our society. Educational and Recreational promotion of youth continues through scholarships, financial contributions, and sponsorships. Today, many members continue active membership, even though they are well into their senior years.

Madam Speaker, YMLG's membership roster is a "Who's Who" of 20th Century Guam history. Indeed, the legacies of its charter officers—Mr. Leon Flores, president; Mr. Jose Duenas, vice president; Mr. Manuel Ulloa, secretary; Mr. Adriano Cristobal; and Mr. Vicente Arriola, librarian/historian—live on through their offspring and beyond. President Flores was the father of Guam's first Roman Catholic bishop and archbishop, the late Felixberto C. Flores. Vice President Duenas was the father of retired U.S. District Court Judge Cristobal C. Duenas and the brother of Father Jesus Baza Duenas, who was executed during the occupation of Guam in World War II. Secretary Ulloa was a prominent and a long-time island educator. Treasurer Cristobal was the grandfather of Superior Court Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena; and YMLG Historian Arriola was the father of former Speaker Joaquin C. Arriola. Indeed, all the Chamorro Governors of Guam, appointed and elected, were members of the Young Men's League of Guam at some point in their public careers. They include the late Joseph Flores, the late Manuel F.L. Guerrero, and the late Carlos G. Camacho, father of our current governor, Felix P. Camacho, who is a YMLG member himself. Former governors Paul M. Calvo, Joseph F. Ada, and Carl T.C. Gutierrez were YMLG members as well. My late husband, Ricardo J. Bordallo, who served two terms as governor of Guam, and my late father-in-law, Balthazar J. Bordallo, who served in both the pre-war bicameral Guam Congress, as Chairman of the upper House of Council, and the postwar Guam Legislature, were lifelong members, as was Governor Calvo's father, Eduardo T. Calvo, and Francisco B. Leon Guerrero, who, with my father-in-law, was known as the fathers of the Organic Act of Guam.

HONORING THE STAFF OF FAIRVIEW SOUTHDALDE HOSPITAL AND FRIENDS OF THE ORPHANS MINNESOTA REGION MARCH 13, 2007

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 14, 2007*

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor a group of Minnesotans who exemplify the great spirit of American compassion, generosity and human ingenuity by making a difference in the lives of a group of orphans living in El Salvador. I especially want to thank the staff and volunteers of both Friends of the Orphans Minnesota Region who helped facilitate arrangements for five Salvadoran orphans to have eye surgery in Minnesota earlier this year.

Claudia Vanessa Vasquez Ramos, age 18; Estela Martinez Perdomo, age 18; Hector Lopez Jovel, age 10; Jonas Perez, age 6 and Brian Stanley Lemus, age 5 were born with strabismus, commonly known as cross or unaligned eyes. When Minnesota residents learned about these orphans, and that corrective surgery for strabismus is not available in El Salvador, they worked with Friends of the Orphans to bring them to Minnesota for surgery. Mr. Nestor Jaramillo arranged surgeons and nurses at Fairview Southdale Hospital to perform the surgery, while Friends of the Orphans made flight arrangements and helped to coordinate host families.

On January 18th, the children arrived in Minnesota, and their successful surgeries were performed the following day. The day after their surgeries, I had the opportunity to meet these young people at Our Lady of Grace Church in Edina, Minnesota, and experienced firsthand their excitement with their new, corrected vision. By January 22nd, they returned to El Salvador with a much brighter outlook for the future in their home country.

I am pleased to honor the generosity of doctors, pediatricians, and nurses at Fairview Southdale Hospital in Edina, Minnesota, who through the donation of their skills and time to perform the surgeries, gave a life-long gift to these orphans.

Fairview Southdale Hospital surgeons and nurses: Marshall Everson, M.D.; S. Jafar Hassan, M.D.; Mathew Jones, pediatrician; Thomas LeFebvre, pediatrician; Linda Rosengren, R.N.; Barbara Resendez, R.N.; George Markuson, surgical tech; Christine Volp, C.R.N.A.; Dennis Bless, C.R.N.A.; Dr. Suzanne Shearen, M.D.A.; Becky Hagemann, R.N.; Jan Johnson, R.N.; Sharon Cegla, R.N.; Shirley Holton, R.N.; Kristi Bahnemann, R.N.; Susan Hahn, health unit coordinator; Brad Beard, President of Fairview Southdale Hospital; Nestor Jaramillo, Jr., Vice-President of Sales and Marketing; Bonnie Herda, director of perip services; Julie Hennen, communications and marketing staff.

In addition I want to recognize the extraordinary individuals, families, groups and organizations that have offered their hearts to make a difference in the lives of these orphans:

Friends of the Orphans Minnesota Region and its entire staff: Judy Hawkinson, Charlene Dick, Gail Duer, Erin Dirksen and Mackenzie Wheeler.